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WEATHER FORECAST
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February 8 1915, Temperature 6 a.m. 75, 2 p.m. 71
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1915.

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LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

ALLIES' GREAT FINANCIAL SCHEME.

MONETARY RESOURCES TO BE UNITED.

Assistance to Nations Disposed to Enter War.

RUSSIA ENGAGED IN FIERCE BATTLES.

French Reports.

(Havas Telegram.)

Feb. 4, 6.35 p.m.

Three German attacks have been repulsed to the north of Massiges. There has been some fighting between patrols in the Vosges. We progressed south of Kotschlag.

A Petrograd message says the Czar has left for the front.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

British Trade During War Time.

Feb. 6, 4 p.m.

The trade returns of the United Kingdom for the month of January show decreases in imports amounting to £604,003, and in exports totalling £19,558,573.

The imports show increases in food, drink and tobacco totalling £7,382,935; and raw wool, £376,081. The decreases include raw cotton £3,890,617; and manufactured wool £752,770.

In exports the decreases are in iron and steel manufactures £2,192,755; machinery £1,724,253; cotton goods £6,210,704; woolen goods £1,987,181.

Allies' Great Financial Scheme.

Feb. 6, 10.30 p.m.

A Paris official communique says:—

The Finance Ministers of Great Britain, France, and Russia have met in Paris for the purpose of examining the financial questions created by the war, and have resolved to unite their financial, as well as their military resources, in order to pursue the war to final victory.

The Ministers have decided to propose to their respective Governments that they should take over in equal parts the advances made or to be made to countries which are now fighting with them or which are disposed to join shortly in the campaign for the common cause. These advances would be covered partly by the resources of the three Powers and partly by means of a loan to be issued at the appropriate time in their joint names.

The Ministers further decided to proceed in concert in making all purchases from neutral countries, and also adopted the necessary financial measures to facilitate Russian export and to reestablish, as far as possible, parity of exchange between Russia and the other Allies.

The Ministers will meet again in London. President Poincaré gave a luncheon at the Elysee to the Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd George, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Ministers and Ambassadors of the other Allies, the Governor of the Bank of England, and other notabilities.

Russian Progress in East Prussia.

Feb. 7, 2.5 p.m.

Petrograd communique continues to report fierce fighting. Operations are developing in the Easter region of East Prussia. The Russians not only hold positions on the left of the Bzura, near the mouth, but have also captured an important position at the village of Viktoritsa.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

Hard Fighting in the Carpathians.

Terrific combats are occurring in the Carpathians, where the enemy's offensive has been checked. At the Beskid Pass and elsewhere the Russians have captured 2,000 prisoners.

Good Artillery Work.

Feb. 7, 2.5 a.m.

Last evening's Paris communique says:—The sole notable facts are the fine artillery practice in Belgium and the Valley of the Aisne and slight progress made in Champagne and north of Massiges.

U. S. and Germany.

Feb. 7, 5.20 a.m.

A Washington telegram states that President Wilson has discussed with the Cabinet Germany's declaration. It is expected that America will ask Germany what protection American ships passing the war zone may expect.

German Attack Repulsed.

Feb. 7, 5.20 a.m.

A Pretoria telegram reports that the Germans attacked Kakamas, but were repulsed with a loss of 9 killed and 22 wounded. The Union losses were one killed and two wounded.

[The following telegrams appeared in our Special Edition published yesterday:—]

German Balloon Brought Down.

Feb. 6, 5.10 p.m.

To-day's Paris communique states there has been no infantry action to-day. On the 5th we obtained good results. There were artillery duels on the front from Arras to Rheims. The situation in the region of Perthes and Massiges is unchanged.

Our artillery in the regions of Argonne and Woëvre has dispersed some convoys and set fire to a train. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front. We brought down a captive balloon north-east of the Somme.

Japanese Cruiser Stranded.

Feb. 6, 8.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo states that it is officially announced that the cruiser Asama stranded on an uncharted reef off the coast of Mexico.

Germany Listens to Reason.

Feb. 6, 8.5 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that Germany has bowed to the world's denunciation of her piracy.

The German Embassy to-night has issued a statement that the decree making the British Isles a war zone "does not intend to molest or seize American vessels laden with food-stuffs for the civilian population in enemy countries."

British Socialists' Manifesto.

Feb. 5, 9.5 p.m.

The British Socialists have issued a notable manifesto denouncing German aggression. It says the whole of the working classes and trades-unions recognise that the Prussian menace to peace must be effectively removed. It continues: "We join our fellow countrymen in supporting the independence of Belgium and the freedom of Europe. Peace is not desirable or arguable till Belgium and France have been completely freed from the ruthless invaders, and until Germany has made compensation for all the wreck and ruin she has wrought. Comrades, do not vote anything helping the enemy!"

More Men from Australia.

Feb. 5, 10.50 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent in Melbourne states that a further expeditionary force of 10,000 men has been offered and accepted, with an additional 4,000 men as reinforcements monthly.

Russians Take a Further 3,000 Prisoners.

Feb. 5, 10.50 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent in Petrograd states that the Tsar arrived to-day at the front.

To-night's communique makes the important announcement that the Russians have assumed the offensive and crossed the Bzura. They stormed and captured the enemy's positions opposite Sochaczew, driving the Germans from their bridgehead.

The great battle on the Borjimoff-Gumina front continues. Our attacks alternate with those of the enemy under an uninterrupted cannonade.

We repulsed German attempts to assume a partial offensive on the rivers Nida and Dniester.

The Russian advance on Uzok continues.

We have taken 3,000 prisoners, while south-eastward of Uzok we hold very large forces of the enemy.

More Civilians Killed by German Bombs.

Feb. 8, 1.25 a.m.

A Paris evening communique states that the Germans on Thursday night attempted unsuccessfully to debouch from their trenches at Notre Dame de Lorette.

Our artillery fired effectively in the valley of the Aisne.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

Our troops in Champagne progressed slightly during the night, north of Basousejour.

The enemy to-day, north of Massiges, attempted an attack, which was repulsed.

We have consolidated the positions on the ground won at Bagatelle, in Argonne.

Yesterday a German attack south of Altkirch, in Alsace, was repulsed.

An aeroplane dropped bombs on Saint Die and there were four civilian victims.

(Official Telegram from the British Foreign Office.)

Feb. 6, 7.15 a.m.

An official statement issued in Cairo summarizes the recent attempts by the Turks to force a passage across the Suez Canal.

Early on Wednesday morning the enemy attacked the Toussam post and a determined attempt was made to cross the Canal by pontoons and rafts.

The enemy's artillery shelled Toussam and Serapeum but, after a certain amount of fighting the enemy retired, leaving 8 Officers and 282 men prisoners and many dead in front of our position.

H.M.S. Hardinge was twice hit by shells and 10 men were wounded. Other British casualties were 2 officers and 13 men killed, and 58 wounded.

At El Kantara our outposts were attacked but the enemy were defeated, leaving 21 killed and 60 prisoners in our hands.

Later a further attack was checked, prisoners in our hands. Our casualties were slight. The 1,200 yards from our positions. Our casualties were slight. The 1,200 yards from our positions. Our casualties were slight. The 1,200 yards from our positions.

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NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

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NEWS.

Further notes on the crisis appear on page 4.

The week-end local sport is reported in this issue.

"Jottings by the Way" appear on page 4.

General news and an article headed "Warfare of Cavemen" appear on page 3.

Latest donations to the Cigarette and Tobacco Fund are acknowledged to-day.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2, commercial news on page 9 and log book on page 6.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

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The H.K. Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., meeting of shareholders—noon.

Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders—Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. offices—11.30 a.m.

Sale of China and Curios.—G. P. Lammert's Sales Room—2.30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10.

Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders—noon.

"The Grotesques" Theatre Royal—9.15 p.m.

Thursday, February 11.

Sale of Household Furniture—24b, Nathan Road, Kowloon.—G. P. Lammert—2.45 p.m.

Monday, February 15.

Italian Grand Opera Co.—Theatre Royal.

Saturday, February 20.

Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation—City Hall—noon.

Saturday, February 27.

Concert in aid of Allied Forces Tobacco Fund—Theatre Royal—9 p.m.

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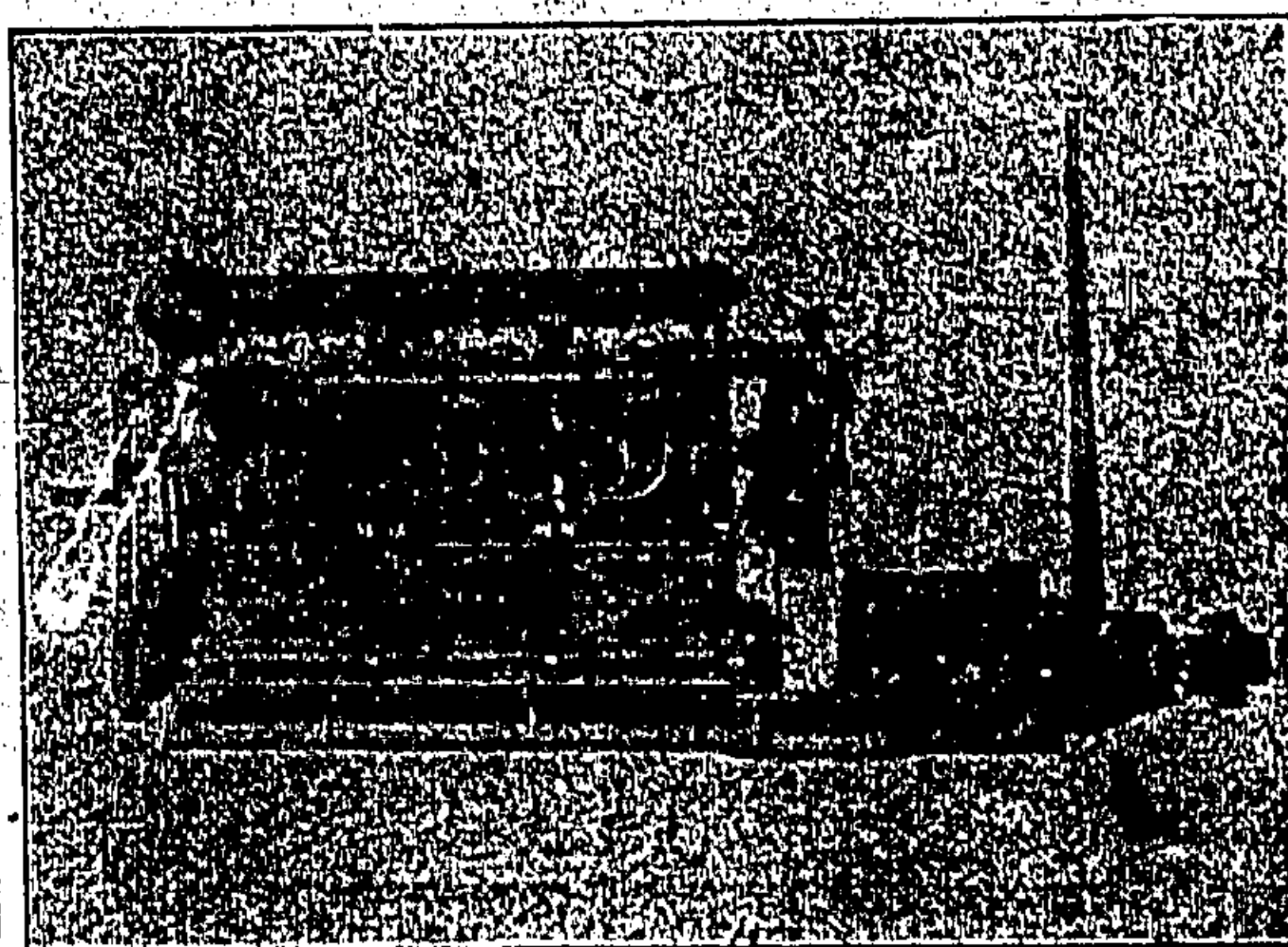
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South China Morning Post.

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possible inconvenience to their
individual interests, have re-
solved, through their respective
Finance Ministers, to unite their
financial as well as their military
resources. What this means in
figures it is impossible in the
time at our disposal to determine,
but it implies that the entire
funds at the disposal of the three
greatest powers in the world of
finance (not including the United
States) have been slumped in a
common purse to tide over in-
dividual embarrassments and
enable the Allies to pursue the
war to its utmost limits with
the one object in view of utterly
crushing the most unscrupulous
foe that has ever set foot on a field
of battle.

Daily Press.

China and Mongolia.

China's proposal to organize
Inner Mongolia into provinces
and so make it an integral part
of the Republic seems to be
hanging fire. It is now well over
a year since it was first mooted,
but so far it would appear that
nothing has been done to put the
proposals into effect, though we
are now told that a preliminary
step is to be taken in the Spring,
the Governor at Mukden having
been instructed to send out a
commission to determine the
boundary between the territories
of the Urga Hutukhto and Inner
Mongolia. It is possible that the
mutiny at Kalgan last year was
interpreted by the Peking authori-
ties as a sign that the times were
not propitious for any forward
move in the territories of the
princely, though not nominally,
independent chieftains and
prince; it may be also that the
campaign against White Wolf, by
providing occupation elsewhere
for a large portion of China's
military strength, was the cause
of the delay; but we think it is
far more likely that the ill-success
of her attempt to sinicize the
government of Eastern Tibet and
the semi-Tibetan territory of
Western Szechuan has taught her
that the utmost caution is neces-
sary when it is proposed to change
the political status of a tributary
country.

China Mail.

The Supply of Chemicals and the
War.

A chemical manufacturer, dis-
cussing the neglect of fine chemi-
cals in this country, had recently
remarked "What does it matter
if we are making money?" "I
venture to say that that view ex-
presses neither patriotism nor
common sense," was Sir William's
comment. German chemists were,
indeed, attacking the market for
heavy chemicals already. They
exported three times as much
sulphuric acid in 1912 as the
United Kingdom did in
1913, and they arrogated the
whole field of scientific and in-
dustrial chemistry to themselves.
Notwithstanding that, however,
it is now certain that Germany
is, as already stated, greatly im-
peded by lack of commodities for
the production of munitions, and
that as time goes on she is likely
to feel the lack of them more
seriously. One of the many
results of the great war will un-
doubtedly be that never again
will Germany be allowed to ob-
tain so great a hold on such
valuable chemical products as
she practically monopolized at
the beginning of the war.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. Bryan's Denial.
Washington, January 30.—Mr. Hobson, on the floor of the house, today declared that war with Japan was averted in 1913 by the promise that the United States would speedily retire from the Philippines. Mr. Bryan, Secretary of State, vigorously denies the allegations made by Mr. Hobson.

Fleet of Sixty-four German Airships.

A neutral who has recently returned to England states that the Germans have 64 completed Zeppelins. Some of them, which he has himself seen, are fitted under the cars with large floats having the appearance of pontoons, and being similar to the floats of a hydroplane.

Singapore Mortality Returns.

The mortality returns for Singapore issued by the Registrar of Births and Deaths show that, during the week ending January 23, there were 232 deaths (160 males, 72 females), giving a ratio per mille of population of 35.62. Malarial fever accounted for 37 deaths, phthisis 36, convulsions 20, beri-beri 15, bronchitis 10, dysentery 10, pneumonia 15. Thirty-one children under three months of age died. The nationalities were represented as follows:—Europeans 2, Eurasian 1, Chinese 183, Malays 33, Indians 12.

Moro Outlaw Bagulo Gives In.

Datoh Bagulo, one of the most powerful and feared Moro chieftains in Jolo, whose name was a terror to the peaceably inclined Moros living in the Sulu archipelago, surrendered himself last week to Lieutenant Frank L. Link of the Constabulary at Camp Patotol, says the *Cable News American*. The outlaw also gave up a Remington rifle he had with him at the time of his surrender. The above information was contained in a wire received at the Manila Constabulary headquarters from Captain C. E. Livingston, senior inspector of the Constabulary at Jolo.

Penang Chamber of Commerce and Trade.

Penang, January 27.—Mr. J. Mitchell, presiding at the annual general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, said that when trade with Europe resumed its normal proportions they might expect to regain practically everything that had been lost during the past year. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. J. Mitchell; vice-president, Mr. H. A. Low; committee, Messrs. Goodrich, Pyke, Benson, Reid and Henderson. The Hon. R. Young urged that the basis of membership be broadened. A sum of \$1,000 was voted to the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund.

Straits Times.

Yellow River Embankment.
The work of building an embankment of the Yellow River at Yenshow, Shantung, under the auspices of Hsu Shi-kwang (a brother of Hsu Shi-chang, the Secretary of State), was commenced last autumn but the actual expenses greatly exceed the estimates. Over \$1,000,000 was spent during the year 1914 and a further sum of \$1,000,000 is needed. This has been ordered to be contributed by the provincial governments of Chihli and Shantung but the provincial authorities in Shantung are experiencing some difficulty in meeting the contribution.

First Eugenic Baby.

Wisconsin's first eugenic baby was a real bouncer. Mr. and Mrs. Edward McDonald of Washburn are the first pair married under the Wisconsin eugenic statute to report the arrival of a babe to the State Health Department. In the doctor's report the newcomer is set down as a boy who weighs 11 pounds. The State Health authorities want the babe called Eugene, after the statute, but the parents have not announced their intention with respect to the christening. Both parents passed the medical examination that the State law prescribes for the bridegroom only. They married soon after the law went into effect.

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Northern France, Dec. 23.

Since last I was in this absorbing region of tumult an extraordinary change has marked the spirit of affairs. Black-avised November bore a grim and sinister countenance; through fair and through foul we were hanging on by the skin of our teeth; we were gloriously unafraid of the breaking thunder of assailing legions. I shall never forget the day—a few short weeks ago—when I climbed the heights above the well-found and gamely fortified town of— and saw flame and fury blazing and bursting over Armentieres; the long, lean streets of Lille smoking under the tumult of the contending armies; the whole terrain shaking at the hideous thump of great guns—even the sky afloat! And amid it all, across the black ooze of the rain-soaked plain, the British Army, column upon column—men, horses, guns, supplies, and all the rest of the contents of the great warehouses of war—moving on gallily to hold the fort. Singing, they streamed along to fling themselves into the whirl of the greatest fight that ever was.

I turn back to my tattered diary and note the date—Nov. 2—and I know now (though I was but dimly aware of it then) that this was the most critical time for our arms. I suppose it will never be recorded what deeds of high valour were wrought then, how we defied the lightning and flung it back streak for streak; for beyond the roar of the bursting shells this, the greatest, war of all the ages, is a silent, a secret war, with never a soul to sing the song of mighty doings, and no hero to be crowned. Great deeds have to be done by stealth, the Cross won and won again with a finger on the lip. I suppose it has to be: Thus and thus it is decreed, however we fret and fume at home hungering for the tales that never come to make our hearts beat faster and to set the blood racing.

Well! The black days are over. This raging, tearing maelstrom in the north-eastern corner of France, which is my survey, has died down to a growl. It is still going on; but only the very faintest echo is heard to-day.

The Cavemen.

The game has developed, into the most amazing subterranean business of hide and seek that the crafty mind of the man of war ever conceived. Our men are moles, plastered with the mud of their own delving and burrowing, doing conjuring tricks, bobbing up and down like rabbits in a warren, now and again showing their ears and then—phut!—down again.

There is a fifteen-mile-long battlefield of this sort of thing as calm and peaceful and apparently as solitary as a stretch of our own Lincolnshire fen land. No mad rattle of charging hoofs thunders across the plain; no lances flaunt their pennons to the morning light. It is the kind of picture you see in a

dream—just as unreal, just as unconvincing. A brown, gloomy, misty landscape with mounds of earth scattered about like graves newly made and suddenly deserted; clumsy stretches of seemingly meaningless wire netting pitched at all manner of angles and in all kinds of places, a litter of tins and straw and broken boxes everywhere—and that's all. This is the theatre of the Great War: miles and dreary miles of it. This is the road to Calais—the open road, the straight and certain way. Why is not Kaiser William thundering along it with that overwhelming, glittering cavalcade of his? Just give a little rein to your imagination for a moment. Put your ear to the earth, bend down and listen—listen hard, and you will hear the reason why.

At Work Underground.
Below you there is going on the ceaseless murmur of a great multitude. Night and day the mole men are at work. There are fortresses and ramparts, pitfalls and man-traps, mines and counter-mines, and all the cunning devilry wherewith modern man seeks to slay and to smash his brother man. But they are all underground, and Ah Sin, with all his wily heathen ways, was not more wily than these cunning contrivings mole men.

It is all so much like a dream that the dreamers are always expecting to awake suddenly to the realities. But the dream goes on, and on, and on. . . I have just been talking with one of the dreamers who has crawled out for a spell from this dim and uncanny underworld. He is just a plain Tommy, whose profession is fighting at so much per day and his rations, and who takes most things that come his way as a matter of course. He has been fighting for months now, in the very thick of it. He was one of the famous "Forlorn Hopes" of "Wipers."

Out he crawls, this muddy mole-man, rubbing his eyes under a sudden and unaccustomed flash of God's sunshine. His philosophy is more forbidding than polite.

"Here," says he, pointing downwards, "are we. And there, just across the way, are the Germans. Like bloomin' rabbits we are—both of us. With ferrets bolting us at unlikely moments. Lord, what a game! A week or two ago it was all smash and noise, so as you couldn't hear yourself think. Most of our little lot was knocked stone deaf by the Johnnies, and the coal-boxes, and the Marias; but now it's that quiet that it gets on our nerves."

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1915.

AFTER SIX MONTHS.

It was a happy idea that, at the end of six months of war, the High Commissioners of our great Oversea Dominions should give public expression to their views on the situation. The messages which we printed in our issue of Saturday were inspiring to a degree. There could be no mistaking the note of confidence which characterized each and all of them—the spirit of quiet determination which at this time permeates the whole Empire and bespeaks ultimate victory, whatever the cost may be. That spirit was very aptly and forcefully described by the Commissioner for New Zealand when he said the war had broadened the Empire into an unshakable force, making it stand as one man for the King against his enemies. In those words the feelings which animate Britishers the world over are truly reflected. To-day the component parts of our great Empire are welded together more firmly than ever before. The Kaiser's dreams of rebellions, of jealousies, of bickerings and of indifference by the self-governing Dominions to the call of the Motherland have been doomed to disappointment. Above all else, the British Empire is to-day a united Empire.

After half a year's bitter fighting, we may well take stock of the situation and note some of the causes which give rise to the widespread feelings of confidence to which we have referred. In the first place, there can be no mistaking our supremacy at sea. The British Navy has not only put the stranglehold on the German Fleet, which to-day stands in the eyes of the world as a discredited and practically useless aggregation of warships—it has also driven German merchantmen from the seven seas, and has made it possible for British world trade to continue on lines as nearly approaching the normal as to be little short of marvellous, considering the magnitude of the war and its many ramifications. Coming to the state of affairs on the actual battle-field, outwardly the situation may appear very much what it was two months or so ago. The opposing hosts appear like giant wrestlers locked in a grip of agony. The dishevelled warriors face each other in battered trenches, sniping and counter-sniping is occasionally varied by a bayonet dash, and the awful slaughter continues. To the casual observer this sort of thing might seem to be interminable until such time as the whole manhood of Europe finds rest beneath the tortured earth. But a little closer examination will lead to the certain conclusion that whereas the Allies are fighting, and slowly progressing, with a very definite objective ahead, the enemy has practically come to the end of his tether and no longer works on any concerted scheme, or, if he does, it is one which is apparent to no-one but himself.

Already there are unmistakable signs, only just beneath the surface, of an exhaustion which is moral, physical and economic. Berlin no longer talks of Germany's fancied triumph in Europe or of world-wide dominion. The talk is now rather of a desperate fight against hopeless odds to save the Fatherland. Coincident with this change of tone is the knowledge of growing strength and power on our side. Fresh armies from Home and from our overseas possessions are preparing to enter the arena. The French reserves are being steadily built up. Russia is applying fresh pressure. It is for these reasons that we look to the future with steady confidence and calm assurance.

Orange Peel and Banana Skins.

So long as Hongkong's pavements remain in their present delectable condition, the public and the press will be well within their right in grumbling at the powers that be. We have often had to speak of the absence of street notices forbidding the pavement to be used either as a public spittoon or as a receptacle for any and every kind of refuse; and it looks as though we may still have to go on speaking for a while. Though the Sanitary Board refuses to take action where spitting on the pavements is concerned, perhaps a more efficient branch of the Government Service—the Police—will not be too proud to take a hint in regard to the throwing of fruit waste etc. on the footway. As an instance of the extent to which this most objectionable and dangerous practice is carried on, yesterday at midday the length of pavement from Wyndham Street to the Grand Hotel could scarcely boast two consecutive yards that were free from bits of orange-peel, banana-rind or sugar-cane fibre. In damp weather, granite paving is never the safest or easiest to walk upon, and when to the natural slipperiness of the stone is added all manner of rubbish on which the unwary heel may trip, we certainly think it time to appeal to the authorities.

Poetry and War.
That veteran journalist, politician, litterateur and theologian, Mr. G. W. E. Russell, has been turning his hand to the criticism of war poetry. Mr. Russell has the rare gift of being able to charm his readers on far less interesting subjects than this, and even that rare gift of expressing himself with absolute impartiality—yet without coldness—on any point dealing with modern literature; which naturally gives a special value to his comments on the poetry of the war. He puts his opinion into less than a dozen lines. "Our versifiers have been very busy, and have given us abundance of excellent sentiment and more or less effective jangle. But have they given us Poetry? I think not."

Most of the verses which have been published under the title of "War Poetry" could be turned out by machinery. A poet some of whom has been put forth he goes the length of quoting Matthew Arnold's "it is hard to read it without a cry of pain." Nor is it till one reads Mr. Russell's retrospect of the war verses of the nineteenth century, that one realises how remarkably little strong and real poetry has been inspired by modern war.

The Death of War Poetry.
If we may venture to suggest a reason therefor, it seems to us that war poetry deteriorated when fighting ceased to be one of the primary businesses of life. Originally poets had but three themes: love, war and religion; instinctive inspirations one might call them, for want of a better term; and, as the fighting instinct became dulled by the commercial, so war poetry began to turn its back on the world. Maybe its successor will be the hardware or drygoods epic. Another reason, perhaps, for the falling off of such verses is that battle has lost much of its romance. "Gunpowder has spoiled war," says Charles Reade; and so it has, for those who look only for the romantic. What is the good, for instance, of "the sword" being our recognised figure of speech for war when, in modern fighting, that weapon is so little used? The past century has seen ever less and less of close fighting, and nowadays, more often than not, men are killed by those who are almost too far off to be seen. Perhaps in two or three generations' time, when to-day's battles—and perhaps all others—have become things quite of the past, some poet may arise who, seeing the present awful struggle in a just perspective, and mindful of what that struggle meant to civilization, may be inspired to give to his contemporaries some real poetry about it all. In our own time such a thing is hardly likely to occur, we think.

Junk Master's Complaint.
A junk master has reported that yesterday, while he was sailing off Stonecutter's Island, he was run into by an examination launch, which did damage to the extent of \$49 to craft and cargo.

DAY BY DAY.

IF WE SEPARATE OURSELVES SO MUCH FROM THE INTERESTS OF THOSE AROUND US THAT WE DO NOT SYMPATHISE WITH THEM IN THEIR SUFFERINGS, WE SHUT OURSELVES OUT FROM SHARING THEIR HAPPINESS AND LOSE FAR MORE THAN WE GAIN. IF WE AVOID SYMPATHY AND WRAP OURSELVES ROUND IN A COLD CHAIN OF SELFISHNESS, WE EXCLUDE OURSELVES FROM MANY OF THE GREATEST AND PUREST JOYS OF LIFE. TO RENDER OURSELVES INSENSIBLE TO PAIN WE MUST FORFEIT ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF HAPPINESS.—Aurebury.

The Weather.

Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 72; fog.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 65; heavy fog.

Count the Columns.
On Saturday the Telegraph published 36 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 33 published.

The Mails.
French Mail.—Due per s.s. Obili to-morrow.
Canadian and U. K. Mail.—Closed to-day per s.s. Nippon Maru at 9 a.m.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Sado Maru to-morrow at 11 a.m.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1s 9.3-16d.

In Hospital.
We regret to learn that Mr. F. Allen, Sanitary Inspector, is on the sick list and has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

Port Closed.
Owing to the fog that hung over the harbour, the port was closed during the latter half of yesterday and again this morning.

Assistant Colonial Secretary's Marriage.

Home papers that arrived in the Colony yesterday announce the marriage, on January 2, of Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Assistant Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, with Miss Violet Dorothy Rogers-Harrison, daughter of Lieut. Colonel Rogers-Harrison. The ceremony took place at Cheltenham.

Latest Advertisements.
Mr. G. P. Lamert is selling a quantity of liquor at his sales rooms on the 12th inst.—Page 5.
A 40-h.p. motor car is being sold by Messrs. Hughes and Hough for the benefit of the Prince of Wales' Fund on the 18th inst.—Page 5.
Mr. G. P. Lamert is selling a valuable collection of antique china and curios on the 8th and 9th March.—Page 5.

Trade Openings.
The latest Trade Enquiry List issued by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, shows that American exporters are seeking Hongkong connections as follows:—Agency for American machinery; pumping machinery; air compressors; shoe repair supplies; tools; pianos; combs; dyes, dry cleaner and household drugs; shoe polishes; underwear knittings; sanitary dry closets; rice huller; cold metal cutting-off machines and lawn mowers.

Prince of Wales' Fund.
Says the London and China Express of January 8:—The following subscriptions to the Prince of Wales National Relief Fund are amongst those recently announced:—The Staffs at Foreign Stations of the Eastern Telegraph Company, Ltd., £126 13s. 5d.; the Association of Engineers, Singapore, £150; British Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men of the Hongkong Garrison (further contribution) £126 18s. 2d.; Residents of the Federated Malay States (2nd instalment), £9,000.

Bijou Theatre.
At the Bijou Theatre last night, Miss May Clarke, a mezzo-soprano of very distinct merit, appeared for the first time in Hongkong, and was accorded a splendid reception. In the first half of the programme she sang "Don't you mind it, Honey" and "Two Dirty Little Hands," giving as an encore "My Little Grey Home in the West." In the second half, her songs were "I hear you calling me" and "Get out and get under" with "Tipperary" as an encore. We understand that Miss Clarke was the first vocalist to sing this popular ditty in the Far East; and last night she sang it charmingly. Everyone should go to hear her.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

UNITY OF THE ALLIES.

Balkan States May Soon Join Us.

No stronger evidence of the spirit of unity which exists among the Allies, or of their joint determination to pursue the struggle until final and complete victory is attained, could be supplied than that contained in the announcement that they have decided to unite their financial as well as their military resources. Though, following on the previous declarations that peace will not be concluded separately by any of the Allies, some such arrangement as this was inevitable, the announcement is, none the less, of greater significance and importance than any yet made since war broke out. It shows that there is absolute trust and confidence between each and every country comprising the Alliance which has been formed to crush the mad ambitions of a common enemy. And with this spirit of unity permeating all, in naval, military and financial matters, there can be no doubting what the ultimate result will be. The combined resources of the allied nations—the richest in the world—cannot possibly be faced by our enemies, who by this time are waiting their strength in fighting hopeless battles and who, financially, are encroaching on their capital in order to find funds to continue the fight.

Money to Spare.
With the Allies, however, the position is quite the reverse. Not only have they got the measure of their foes on land and sea, and not only are they fighting with a sure confidence bred of success, but they are able to meet the financial calls of the war and still have money left to advance to sympathisers who will, without the slightest doubt, soon range themselves on our side. And in the advances which are to be made to those countries which are now fighting on the side of the Allies or, to use the words of the telegram "which may be disposed to join shortly in the campaign for a common cause," the same spirit of co-operation is to be noticed, since the respective Governments are to take over equal parts of such advances.

Coming Events.
This reference to the likely entry of other nations into the lists foreshadows what has long since been foreseen. It gives strength to the report recently circulated that, whether Italy joins in or not, Roumania will take an active part in the struggle, about the middle of the present month. And if Roumania does step in we may look to see yet further additions to the ranks of the Allies.

There are many reasons why Roumania should "take the plunge." She has more than a casual interest in Transylvania, and she is more than suspicious of Turkey. With Roumania fighting as the ally of Serbia and Montenegro, we may expect to see Greece, who has no love for Turkey, also come into line, and then perhaps even Bulgaria will perceive it to be to her interest to join up as well. Thus the Balkan States may be effectually reunited by their enemies and the Balkan League revived, or, at least, a new League created.

It is notified in the Gazette that the following persons have declared themselves willing to be formed into a Special Police Reserve under the Special Police Reserve Ordinance, 1914, (Ordinance No. 27 of 1914), and that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept their services:—Messrs: J. Arnold, T. Annett, J. H. Buckhouse, G. T. Bird, W. A. Butterfield, M. J. Champion, W. A. Eastace, E. H. Evans, A. Fothergill, W. H. Gaskell, G. Grimble, F. Grissell, T. Hynes, A. Ireson, F. O. Jenkin, F. Kennedy, O. H. Kim, W. Knight, D. Langman, N. S. Marshall, C. F. Mason, P. Maxwell, J. Mitchell, C. O. Moon, Eldon Potter, G. E. Royle, O. A. S. Russ, A. N. Small and W. J. Wilkinson.

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JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

Do to others as you'd be done by, as a Hongkong philosopher murmured when he pulled the plug out of his bath in order to make sure that the coolie would give the next corner a change of water.

We believe that local sympathy was utterly and hopelessly divided against itself the other day, when those two enemies of mankind, a shrewd and a constable, got fighting. Not a single derelict in the Colony could make up his mind as to which of the twain he would like to see come out top-dog.

Our educated compositor has come near to outdoing the fabled and official-souled quartermaster sergeant who, when conducting a prayer-meeting, gave out the hymn: "Art thou weary, ditto languid, ditto sore-distressed." Last Thursday he had some verses to set up, wherein "remember" was to rhyme with "September." Needless to say, he improved on the poet's original design by setting up "September" as "Sept." and letting it go at that.

That isn't his only delinquency for this week ending. In setting up an account of a wedding he generously gave the bride two fathers. We are only waiting now for him to leave out from the hint at the head of our correspondence column: "The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the Hongkong Telegraph," either "not" or "necessarily"—or both.

We are more relieved than we can say, that no nincompoop has as yet come along to tell us that the new tobacco shop at the corner of Hotel Mansions puts him in mind of a converted cruiser.

"King in the Channel, escapes Torpedo," says a Philadelphia paper's headline. Curiously enough, we had exactly the same escape the last time we came through the Channel—and for the same reason.

It is ill work going to law against the Immortals. Of course the Joss won its case in court the other day. What else could one expect?

Now it came to pass, in the days of the great war, that many men from the Island that is called Hongkong, and from the regions round about, did leave their daily labour, saying among themselves: "Let us go forth against the enemy, with the armies of our Lord the King." And straightway there went forth much people. And one of them, before entering into the ship, did gather together his friends, and his neighbours in a certain place that is called a club, saying: "Let us drink and be merry, ere I go." And behold, while they yet drank, some of his companions, being full of the wine of Champagne, considered among themselves how they might trick him who was about to depart thence, and so have him in decision. To which end they wrote unto him these words in a letter: "See thou to it that thou forget not to pay the bills thou hast signed with us, lest haply thou return not unto this place again."

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PATENT MEDICINE.

Charges of Theft and Receiving.

This morning, at the Police Court, before Mr. J. R. Wood, Charles Chan was charged by Mr. J. A. Tarrant with stealing two boxes of "Vi-vim Bon," the property of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. There was also a similar charge in respect to five boxes of the same patent medicine. Soo Lo-yun was charged with receiving the goods, knowing them to be stolen.

Mr. M. J. D. Stephens appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Ot. Kong-sing and Mr. Denny, Messrs. Denny and Bowley, appeared for the two defendants respectively.

The cases were remanded until Friday afternoon, when the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., will prosecute.

THE CANTON AND MACAO RUNS.

The Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., has issued the following notice regarding arrangements during the Chinese New Year holidays:—

Hongkong & Canton Line.—There will be no sailings of Sunday, February 14, and non-stop boats to or from Canton on Monday, February 15.

Hongkong & Macao Line.—There will be no sailings on Sunday, February 14, or from Macao at 8 a.m. or from Hongkong at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 15.

Macao & Canton Line.—There will be no departure from Macao on Monday, February 15, or from Canton on Tuesday, February 16.

Canton & Wuchow Line.—There will be no sailings from Canton or Wuchow on Monday, February 15. Steamers on this line resume their usual sailings on Wednesday, 17th instant, from Canton and Wuchow.

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LOCAL SPORT.

Week-End Cricket and Football.

Saturday saw much activity in local sporting circles, most of the cricket and football clubs having a busy time.

CRICKET.

Craigengower v. H.K.C.C.
Craigengower lost heavily on Saturday to the Club, who put up 251 to the losers' 114. The Craigengower players were weak in batting, no fewer than five men failing to make any score at all and only three scoring above double figures. The best performance was that of H.H. Taylor, who scored forty-five runs. Bowling for the Club, Donnelly was particularly deadly, securing three wickets for four runs apiece. For the Club, Major Bowen was responsible for 43 runs, while the tail-end, Messrs. Mitchell and T. E. Pearce, gathered in 20 and 59 respectively. The scores were:—

Craigengower.				
J. B. Braga, b. Bowen	0			
R. Bas, c. Hooper, b. Bowen	10			
H. H. Taylor, c. and b. Anderson	45			
R. A. Carvalho, c. Sutherland, b. Bowen	0			
L. A. Rosa, at Moore, b. Anderson	0			
R. Pestonji, b. Anderson	0			
K. Kharas, l.b.w., b. Bowen	6			
J. D. Norris, c. Anderson, b. Donnelly	12			
S. Jex, b. Donnelly	0			
Rev. H. R. Wells, b. Donnelly	1			
Substitute, not out	34			
Extras	34			
Total	114			

Bowling.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bowen	8	0	45	4
Anderson	10	2	33	3
Donnelly	24	0	12	3

H. K. C. C.				
A. R. Sutherland, b. Taylor	13			
C. A. Hooper, b. Carvalho	7			
D. E. Donnelly, b. Taylor	26			
R. P. Thurstfield, c. and b. Taylor	12			
P. Jacobs, b. Pestonji	17			
Major Bowen, c. and b. Carvalho	43			
R. Kennedy, c. Pestonji, b. Taylor	22			
R. N. Anderson, b. Pestonji	13			
S. S. Moore, c. and b. Pestonji	0			
E. J. R. Mitchell, not out	29			
T. E. Pearce, b. Carvalho	59			
Extras	30			
Total	251			

Bowling.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Carvalho	16	4	100	3
Taylor	14	0	71	4
Pestonji	10	0	48	3

Civil Service v. Army Team.
The Civil Service just reached the century before their side was dismissed by a military team who in reply passed that total by fifty-eight runs, thereby winning a most enjoyable game. The scores were:—

Army.				
French, retired hurt	48			
Forrest, c. Waterson, b. Reed	20			
Dudley, b. Reed	0			
Bennet, b. Reed	0			
Rapley, b. Reed	48			
Major Morgan, b. Waterson	15			
Trennonan, b. Witcomb	14			
Hyde, b. Witcomb	1			
L. B. A. Williams, run out	4			
P. W. Williams, not out	4			
Gregory, c. and b. Bradbury	0			
Extras	15			
Total	158			

Bowling.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Witcomb	10	0	35	2
Reed	7	0	53	4
Martyn	5	1	23	0
Waterson	5	1	24	1
Bradbury	24	1	1	1

Civil Service.				
Capt. C. D. Martin, b. Morgan	13			
P. T. Lambie, b. Rapley	1			
R. O. Whitcomb, b. Morgan	28			
E. W. Dawson, b. Rapley	0			
E. B. Reed, l.b.w., b. Rapley	0			
C. J. Tacchi, b. Rapley	35			
W. Hill, c. and b. Morgan	3			
Bradbury, l.b.w., b. Morgan	3			
Waterson, b. Rapley	0			
Bennet, b. Morgan	0			
Hall, not out	8			
Extras	8			
Total	100			

Bowling.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Rapley	9	2	3	5
Morgan	8	0	55	5

Kowloon v. The University.
Kowloon C. C. put out a weak team against the University and lost accordingly, thanks to the good work for the scholars by K. Brayshaw, who retired after hav-

ing scored seventy runs to his credit. In addition to this, when bowling, he took seven wickets for eighteen runs. The scores were:—

The University.				
K. Brayshaw, retired	70			
Ng Sze-kwong, b. de Rome	13			
C. G. Anderson, b. Overy	8			
Ho Wing-yuen, c. Wesser, b. Schulz	9			
Wei Wing-lock, c. Robinson, b. de Rome	10			
Ho Wing-kin, st. Elson, b. Robinson	12			
G. E. Marley, b. de Rome	12			
F. A. Redmond, c. Robinson, b. de Rome	4			
R. Anderson, c. Elson, b. Robinson	2			
Chan Wing-to, not out	3			
Extras	13			
Total (9 wickets)	157			

Chau Yut-kwong did not bat.

Bowling.	O.	M.	R.	W.
de Rome	12	1	47	4
Overy	6	1	31	1
Schulz	3	0	12	1
McLennan	4	0	30	0
Wesser	3	0	11	0
Robinson	3	2	13	2

Kowloon C.C.				
K. McLennan, b. Brayshaw	14			
W. J. Elson, b. Brayshaw	1			
J. H. Mead, c. Ng Sze Kwong, b. Brayshaw	0			
F. J. de Rome, b. Ho Wing-kin	0			
J. Robinson, c. Ho Wing-kin, b. Brayshaw	1			
W. Wesser, b. Ho Wing-kin	1			
Capt. Liddell, b. Brayshaw	12			
A. E. Silksone, c. and b. Ho Wing-kin	0			
W. H. Church, b. Brayshaw	1			
A. E. Schulz, b. Brayshaw	1			
H. Overy, not out	2			
Extras	3			
Total	24			

Bowling.	O.	M.	R.	W.
K. Brayshaw	11	3	18	7
Ho Wing-kin	11	3	21	3

FOOTBALL.
Club again Defeat the Police. The Hongkong F. C. and the Police F. C. again met on Saturday, this time in a Hongkong Shield Competition tie, the Club winning by two goals to one after a hard fought game. After a rush or two, Stewart got the ball in a favourable position, and, making no mistake, opened the scoring for the Club. The shooting of the Police showed very much room for improvement, one member only, and that Booker, meeting with anything like success. Even then he was well attended to by the Club defence. Reid, too, showed a little superiority over his confreres. The half-time arrived with the Club leading by the odd goal.

In the second half Pennell added another to the Club score, and Reid, through the agency of Booker, scored for the Police before the close. The game resulted as follows:—Hongkong Club, 2 goals; the Police, 1 goal. The Navy Beat the Engineers. Two of the service teams were engaging each other on Saturday, these being contingents of the Royal Navy and the Royal Engineers, two very good teams. The game was characteristically fought, both sides putting forward some commendable efforts to secure the palm. It was in the first twenty minutes of the match that the only goal was scored, and that through the efforts of Godfrey of the Royal Navy. The Engineers tried very hard to equalise, but they were not favoured with success. The first half concluded with the sailors a goal up. The second half was just as strenuously fought as the first, but neither team penetrated the opposing defence. Godfrey, however, robbed his first effort of much of its glory by missing an open goal in the second moiety. However, the sailors came out winners by the only goal of the match.

St. Joseph's College Beat Victoria Rovers.
In the second division of the Hongkong League there was much interest in the match played between the St. Joseph's College representatives and the Victoria Rovers. The game was a good one, in which the College team proved itself superior to its opponents. In the first half the College went for the gloves, so to speak, and at the interval led by two goals to one. In the second half, the College added another without any response and ran out victors by three goals to one. **Queen's College Defeat the Diocesan School.**
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Queen's College team. It was scored in the first half, too, and though the Diocesan School had plenty of time to equalise, they failed to do so and had to go under by the only goal.

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SANITARY BOARD.

The orders of the day for Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board are:—
Letter from Government forwarding correspondence relating to Plague Epidemics in Hongkong.

Letter from Government re the election of Dr. G. H. L. Fitzwilliams and Mr. P. W. Golding as members of the Sanitary Board.
Letter from Government approving the erection of a water closet at the Jockey Club, Rural Building Lot No. 23.

Report from the Select Committee appointed to consider the whole question of the water carriage system.
Report from the Government Analyst on the public water supplies for the month of January, 1915.

List of legal proceedings taken by this Department against persons for breaches of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for the month of January, 1915.
Lime-ashing return for the fortnight ending 26th January, 1915.
Mortality return for Hongkong for the weeks ending 3rd, 10th and 17th January, 1915.
Mortality return for Macao for the weeks ending 17th and 24th January, 1915.
Retirement for the weeks ending 23rd and 30th January, 1915.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **FRIDAY, the 12th February, 1915,** commencing at 12 o'clock noon at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street. (For account of the concerned)
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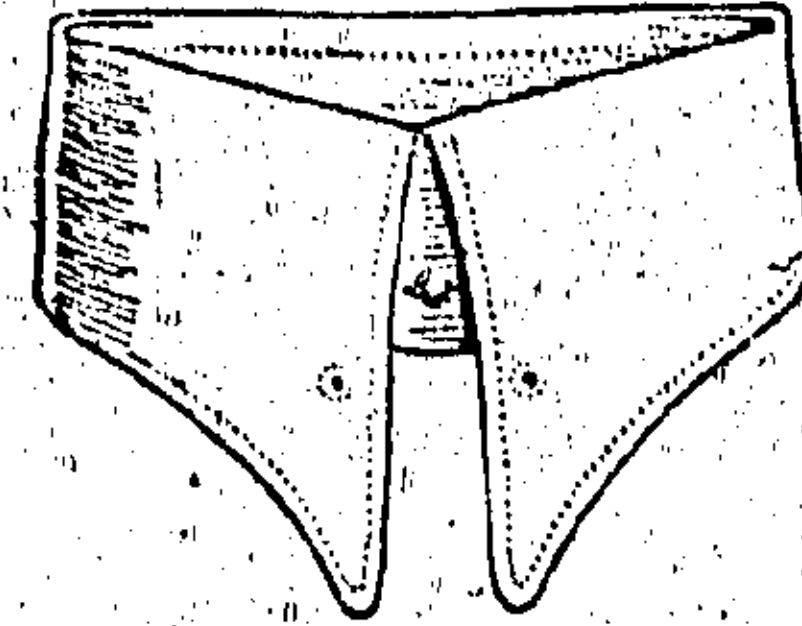
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CALCUTTA via S'hai, Penang & Rangoon	Colombo Maru Capt. Sakamoto	MON., 22nd Feb. at noon.
BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo	Jinsen Maru Capt. Terada	TUES., 16th Feb. at noon.
SHANGHAI, Kobe, and Yokohama	Rangoon Maru Capt. Nomura Kawachi Maru Capt. Nakamura	SATURDAY, 20th Feb. at noon. MON., 8th Feb. at noon. T. 12,500 Feb. at noon. T. 12,500 Feb. at noon.
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Yasaka "	25,000 "	" 22nd April
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Kitano "	16,000 "	" 20th May
Fushima "	25,000 "	" 3rd June

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Sado Maru	12,500 tons	Tuesday 9th February
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Awa "	12,500 "	" 9th March
Shidzuoka "	12,500 "	" 23rd March
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LOG BOOK.

The Blue Funnel s.s. Hyson, which was in collision with the M. M. steamer Cordillere on January 3, had previously been in collision the night before with the Japanese steamer Shosha Maru, 1,600 tons. The Japanese vessel sustained damage to her starboard bow and put back to Kobe for repairs while the Hyson continued her voyage until she encountered the Cordillere.—Shipping and Engineering.

Ice in Gulf of Pechili. The Kobe Branch of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is in receipt of a message reporting that the s.s. Mikawa Maru, which left Dairen at dawn on the 24th, encountered a great quantity of drifting ice off Chihwang island (north-east of Taku) and was prevented from calling at the island. The steamer had to return to Dairen. It is said that floating ice has not been met with in the Gulf of Pechili during the past hundred years.—Kobe Herald.

Notices to Mariners. Kongmoon District.—Notice is given that the s.s. Shin On and the Lighter Ruth lie sunk in 3 feet at low water of spring tides on the edge of the south bank in the Wangmoon approach to the West River. From the wrecks the Wangmoon Entrance Light bears N. 68° E. (Magnetic), distant 6.6 cables.

China Sea.—Tientsin.—Notice is given that Japanese Notice to Mariners No. 429, of 1914, announces the existence of a rock, with 30 feet of water over it, at low water, lying N. 83° E., magnetic, distant 1.9 miles from Princess Rock. The rock is marked by a temporary Buoy, painted red.

Bridging the Yangtze.

It is rumoured, says the China Times, of Tientsin, that the authorities of the Peking-Hankow Railway contemplate constructing a railway bridge at Hankow over the Yangtze River. The site of the bridge has been surveyed and the work and the cost in connection with it have been estimated. It will be 3,750 feet long and 30 feet wide, and the largest span will be over 300 feet in width, so that river craft of any size will be able to pass. On the bridge a double track railway will be laid. The probability is that this rumour has grown out of the fact that a preliminary agreement was signed some time ago between the Hankow authorities and Messrs. Samuel of London for a loan of £10,000,000 for municipal and other improvements at Hankow, including either a bridge across or a tunnel under the Yangtze, and a big city-planning, lighting, water-supply and sanitation scheme.

Freights in Britain.

Freights in Great Britain are reaching a record level and the supply of tonnage cannot cope with the demand. The steady rise for weeks past is simply due to the fact that the demand has been gaining on and has now outstripped the supply. Almost every day has seen a further strengthening of the market. A British steamer last month was chartered to bring cargo from the Plate to England at 40s. per ton—a rate which compares with 12s. 6d. accepted in the summer. In normal times owners considered 25s. an excellent rate. Italian charterers had to pay 42s., and gladly gave guarantees that the wheat should not be re-exported from the country. The "record" rate of 95s. per ton was paid for steamers to bring cotton from Savannah to Liverpool. The result of this has been to drain off a large number of the larger Japanese cargo steamers from the coast and several have recently left for European ports. One, the South Manchuria S.S. Co.'s steamer Fukuoka Maru, has secured a cargo of rice from Saigon to London at 36s. 3d. per ton with the certainty of obtaining profitable employment in home waters, while the N. Y. K. is despatching four steamers, the Wakasa, Yokoshima, Tottori and Tsubima Maru as auxiliary steamers to Europe before the middle of March.

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SHANGHAI	Kwongsang	Sun.	14th Feb. at d'light
YOKOHAMA & Kobe	Yatshing	Tues.	16th Feb. at d'light
SINGAPORE, Pang & Cotta	Fooksang	Tues.	16th Feb. at 2 p.m.
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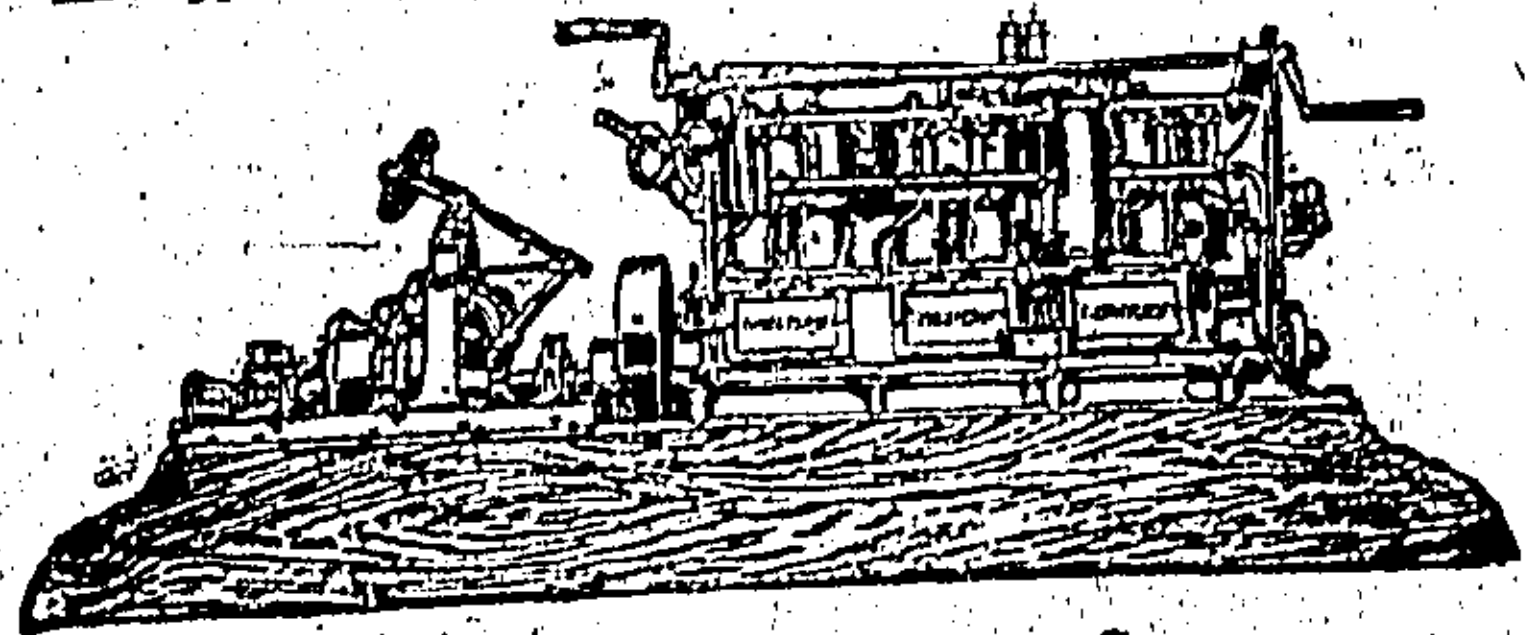
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NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

Victoria, B.C., & S'tie via S'hai &c.	Sado M.	N. Y. K.	9 Feb.
San Francisco via M'la & Japan &c.	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	9 Feb.
San Francisco via S'hai & Japan &c.	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	17 Feb.
Via, B.C. T'ma via M'la & Japan	Seattle M.	S. S. K.	22 Feb.
Vancouver via S'hai & Japan &c.	Monteagle	C. P. R.	24 Feb.
New York via Panama.	Royal P.	B. L. L.	24 Feb.
San Francisco and San Pedro	M. S. Dollar	R. D. Co.	1 Mar.
San Francisco via Manila & Japan &c.	Persia	P. M. Co.	2 Mar.

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Australian Ports via Manila	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	12 Feb.
Australian Ports	Aldenham	G. L. Co.	19 Feb.
Australian Ports via Manila	Taiyuan	B. & S.	22 Feb.

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Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Tango M.	N. Y. K.	9 Feb.
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Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Chili	M. M.	9 Feb.
Shanghai	Kanchow	B. & S.	9 Feb.
Shanghai	Hangsang	J. M. Co.	11 Feb.
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Shanghai	Malta	P. & O.	12 Feb.
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Shanghai	Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	14 Feb.
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Bombay via S'pore & Colombo	Jinsen M.	N. Y. K.	16 Feb.
S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Y'hama	Namur	P. & O.	20 Feb.
Shanghai & Kobe	Rangoon M.	N. Y. K.	20 Feb.
Calcutta via Singapore etc.	Colombo M.	N. Y. K.	22 Feb.
Delagoa Bay, D'ban, E.L'don &c.	Gujarat	B. L. L.	26 Feb.
Singapore, Mauritius & South			
African Ports	Salamis	B. L. L.	End Feb.
Shanghai	Ti'panna	J.C.J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	Ti'farem	J.C.J. L.	Q. desp.
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Hongkong, 21st Jan., Coal—B. & S.
Hojo Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,534, T. Nakamura,
31st Jan.—Klinghorn, 27th Jan.,
Salt—D. & Co.
Umta, Br. s.s. 8,457, T. P. Paul, 1st inst.—
Singapore, 27th ult., Gen.—D. S. & Co.
Anjo Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,011, 1st inst.—Moji,
29th ult., Coal & Gen.—T. K. K.
Haitan, Br. s.s. 1,183, J. W. Evans, 3rd
inst.—Swatow, 2nd inst., Gen.—
D. L. & Co.
Daijin Maru, Jap. s.s. 900, K. Murokami,
3rd inst.—Swatow, 2nd inst., Gen.—
C. S. K.
Onsang, Br. s.s. 1,097, 3rd inst.—Cal-
cutta, 16th ult., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Sungkiang, Br. s.s. 987, J. Robinson, 3rd
inst.—Haiphong, 1st inst., Gen.—
B. & S.
Liangchow, Br. s.s. 1,220, Wm. Benson,
3rd inst.—Shanghai, 31st ult.,
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Kumsang, Br. s.s. 2,077, F. Wheeler, 4th
inst.—Singapore, 28th ult., Gen.—
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Hunan, Br. s.s. 1,143, Hobbs, 4th inst.—
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Nissel Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,224, H. Tayami,
4th inst.—Hongkong, 1st inst., Coal
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Taming, Br. s.s. 1,356, G. H. Popenfather,
5th inst.—Philippines, 2nd inst.,
Gen.—B. & S.
Chungking, Br. s.s. 1,311, Rees Lewis, 5th
inst.—Swatow, 4th inst., Gen.—
B. & S.
Taiyo Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,104, H. Kata, 5th
inst.—Moji, 30th ult., Coal—M. B. K.
Haimun, Br. s.s. 641, Stewart, 6th inst.—
Swatow, 5th inst., Gen.—D. L. &
Co.
Hanot, Fr. s.s. 739, Le Chevallier, 5th
inst.—Haiphong, 2nd inst., Gen.—
A. R. Marly.
Salehadi, Dut. s.s. 1,237, J. Liberg, 5th
inst.—Singapore, 27th ult., Bulk
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Patent Slip, No. 2 Kowloon	260'	10'	10'	7' 6"	
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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH. EXTRA

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1915.

HONGKONG GIFTS.

Further Expressions of Thanks.

The following letter has been received by Lady May from Miss Lloyd Thomas, in acknowledgment of a box of clothing (300 garments) sent on November 20 last by the courtesy of the shipping firms:—

116, Murray Street,
Hoxton, N.,
January 1, 1915.

Dear Lady May,
It is very kind of you and the ladies of Hongkong to entrust us with some of your gifts to the men at the front and their wives and families. I know that they will be much appreciated and we will try and arrange that they may go where they are really needed. Many of the women under the care of the S.S.F.A. in Hoxton are already getting good allowances from the Government and from their husbands, but at this time of the year there is much sickness among the children and warm things are a great boon where they can be given at once. The men's clothes will be very useful to men who may be discharged medically unfit or wounded, and the warm things our women's husbands will not doubt be glad when they get their orders for the front again. Again thanking you very much,

Yours sincerely,

H. LLOYD THOMAS,
Vice-President S.S.F.A.

The following is an extract from Lady Lugard's second letter of thanks acknowledging the receipt of a parcel containing 208 garments for the Belgian refugees, sent off on November 6:—

"Thank you all very much for sending us more clothes. The place to send them to is 23, Warwick Square, c/o Lady Emmott. We have there a clothing establishment, from which we have now issued upwards of 400,000 garments. You may imagine the comfort it has been to these poor denuded refugees."

KOWLOON CONCERT.

Effort in aid of the Belgian Refugees' Fund.

Though the weather on Saturday evening was not such as would permit of many people attending a concert, the attendance at St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, at an entertainment given in aid of the Belgian Refugees' Fund, was very large. Miss D. Stone was the organiser of the entertainment, and she was assisted by Miss Hickie (accompanist), Mrs. E. Green and Mrs. D.K. Blair, and to them thanks are due for much of the success of the evening. Thanks are also due to Mr. Wood for his able stage work, and to those who contributed to the programme. Encores were numerous and the children who played so many roles were greeted with unstinted applause. Among those who assisted in obtaining the sum of \$130 for the fund were:—Misses C. Frost, A. Ormiston, M. Kinross, M. Ramsey, M. Eager, B. George, K. and B. Blair, C. Cander, M. Eager, C. Ramsey, F. Neave, Master D. Frost, Misses V. Hickie and D. Stone, V. Ramsey, D. Green and K. Lukhmanoff. Misses Bessie Blair and Florrie Neave took up the collection for the Belgian Refugees' Fund, their baskets being adorned with red, white, and blue ribbon.

Colony's Health.

Last week there were notified two non-fatal cases of diphtheria (Chinese); one Japanese imported case of small-pox; fatal; and one fatal case of plague (Chinese), the first for the year.

The Minnesota.

The Great Northern Steamship Company announce that their s.s. Minnesota will again leave from Hongkong for Seattle, Wash., via Manila, P. I., Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama on Saturday, 27th March, 1915.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

RUSSIAN POLICY.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—I am in receipt of a telegram from the chief Editor of the *Russkoye Slovo*, Moscow, and as you no doubt have read telegrams issued by the *Out-Asiatische Lloyd* and the *Deutscher Uebersee-Verdienst*, you are perfectly aware that several statements published in the *Russkoye Slovo* have appeared in these German communiques. As these statements are absolutely false and without foundation, I shall be much obliged if you will kindly publish in your columns the translation of the original contradiction I have received from Moscow, which has special reference to a German communique stating that the *Russkoye Slovo* demands that Russia should conclude a separate peace with Germany, and which I send herewith.

Yours, etc.

Z. KLEOREN,

Representative of the *Russkoye Slovo* in the Far East.

Harbin, Jan. 14, 1915.
(Translation of the telegram, dated Moscow, Jan. 15)
Kleoren—Harbin.

The German papers are circulating the infamous libel that the *Russkoye Slovo* demands the conclusion of peace with Germany without Russia's reference to the Allies. The Editor of the *Russkoye Slovo* takes the responsibility of stating on behalf of the *Russkoye Slovo* that his paper, as well as all the Russian Press, as well as all classes of the Russian people, demands that the war should be carried to an end, until the full annihilation of Prussian militarism and the establishing in Europe of a realm of righteousness and justice.

(Signed) F. BLAGOFF,
Chief Editor of the *Russkoye Slovo*.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Major D. Macdonald state:—

Musketry.—Trained men and Recruits of the Corps who have not fired Part 1 of the Musketry Course must do so on Saturday, 13th inst. at 2.30 p.m. or on Sunday, 14th inst. at 9.30 a.m. Members must attend punctually at the times stated. Any man arriving late will not be allowed to fire. Officer on duty in the Butts, Saturday, 13th inst., Lieut. Rees; Sunday, 14th inst., 2nd Lt. Cunningham. An officer of the Scouts Company will attend to take charge of the firing point each day and N.C.O.s of each unit firing will be present to assist the Instructor. Field glasses should be carried by every man possessing them.

Transfer.—No. 1754 Pte. W. J. Hill from H.K.V.R. to Engineer Co., dated 8.2.15.

Field Day 7. 2. 15.—O.C.s Companies and Sections are requested to send to the Orderly Room as soon as possible a list of the members of their units who were not on parade and reasons for their absence.

Parades.—The N.C.O.'s drill to-day will be at Headquarters, instead of on the Cricket Ground. Parades for Tuesday, 9th inst.:—5.15 p.m., Nos. 1 and 2 Sections Artillery and Left Section M.G. Co., 10 p.m. drill at Headquarters.

Remainder, Bayonet fighting under Co. Commanders on Cricket Ground.

Detail.—Orderly Officer, Lieut. Kennett. Orderly Sergeant, Sergt. Cooper. To furnish Guard to-night, No. 1 Section Artillery and Left Section M.G. Co.; to-morrow, Centre Section M.G. Co.

SHARE CLAIM.

Europeans at Law.

In the Summary Court, this afternoon, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, William Shewan sued Julia Gaskell and W. H. Gaskell, 2, Kimberley Villas, Kowloon, for the sum of \$569, balance due in respect to a share transaction.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for plaintiff and Mr. R. C. Faithfull appeared for the defendant.

When the case was called on the plaintiff was not represented. His Lordship told Mr. Faithfull that Mr. Ross, who appeared for plaintiff, was serving his country at present as an officer of the R. G. A.

Mr. Gardiner then appeared, and said the claim was in respect of shares taken up by Mr. Shewan with regard to Mrs. Gaskell relating to 300 Green Island Cement Company shares and some Luzon Sugar shares. After a lot of negotiations Mrs. Gaskell was unable to take the Green Island Cement Company shares and accordingly she gave Mr. Shewan a note on the bank for \$2,100, three hundred shares being left in the custody of the Russo-Asiatic Bank as security.

Mr. Faithfull said he had a preliminary objection which was that the statement of claim did not disclose cause of action. He depended on the Keswick act.

The objection was overruled. Mr. Gardiner said he was rather surprised at Mr. Gaskell taking that point.

Mr. Faithfull said it was not a question of Mr. Gaskell, he had to go on law.

Mr. Gardiner:—And your client has to go on morality.

Mr. Faithfull:—This is not a Court of morals, but a Court of law.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY BAND.

Sir Henry May's Expression of Thanks.

The Governor General is in receipt of a letter from the Governor of Hongkong, reading as follows, says the *Cebuensis American*:—

"I have the honour to tender to Your Excellency my warm thanks for your thoughtful courtesy in placing at my disposal the magnificent Philippine Constabulary band which has just visited this colony en route for San Francisco."

"I regret that many engagements did not admit of my taking as much advantage of Your Excellency's courteous offer as I should have liked to have done, but I was able to arrange two open air concerts to which the public were admitted, and I can assure Your Excellency that all classes of this cosmopolitan community thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the splendid exhibition of musical art, with which this famous band, under the wonderful guidance of Capt. Loving, charmed all who listened."

"In the course of a few remarks I endeavoured, at the conclusion of the first concert, to convey to Capt. Loving and the members of the band how grateful I myself and the community were for the opportunity afforded us to listen to such music, and I desire now to convey to Your Excellency the thanks of the community of Hongkong for your kindly thought of me and them."

Prize Day.

This morning the annual prize distribution in connection with Queen's College took place in the College hall, the prizes being distributed by H. E. Sir Henry May, before a large gathering.

FOR SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENTS.

Further Gifts from Hongkong and Swatow.

This week 121 garments have been sent by the women of Hongkong and Swatow to Miss Lloyd Thomas, 10, Murray Street, Hoxton, London, N., for the wives and children of men on active service; and 53 woollen articles, i.e. mufflers, helmets, mittens, socks and coats, to Mrs. Eyles, 30, Campden Hill Court, West Kensington, for distribution amongst the sailors on active service. The shipping firms are kindly continuing to send Home all parcels free of freight.

Gifts Appreciated.

The following letter has been received by Lady May from Mrs. Eden, Jackanapes Work Society, in answer to a parcel despatched on October 20th last by the courtesy of the shipping firms; containing 155 garments:—

94, Marlborough Mansions,
West Hampstead, N.W.
30th December, 1914.

Dear Lady May,—The box of excellent garments sent by the women of Hongkong has arrived, and I write to offer my most hearty thanks on behalf of the soldiers and their families. I must specially mention the woollen sweaters and flannel vests and cardigans, for these will be invaluable for men leaving hospital either to return to the trenches or to come home invalided. Miss Reid, the matron at one of the hospitals at Kosen, wrote on Xmas Eve that she had just unpacked a bale from Jackanapes Work Society and given out vests and socks to "some of the men in the Convalescent Camp who are resting there a few days before going back to the front. The Shelland cardigans and knitted vests I shall take care to go to men who really need them. The Convalescent Camp is just below our hospital and we try to go and brighten up the men there at times. This constant wet weather makes every one depressed, and the men who have been in hospital miss the comfort they had while there—and they are so pleased with so little!" This picture of the men's gratitude for any extra comfort outside "regulation" allowances makes me very grateful for the privilege of distributing the excellent things that J. W. S. friends send. Another matron wrote to thank me for the bale which reached her on Xmas Day—"Such very warm useful garments and every one of them badly needed."

I have packed two bales since your contributions came and put some sweaters and cardigans, socks and mufflers into each, and I told the matron that they came from Hongkong. I am sure the men will be pleased. One bale is going to Boulogne and another to a "second hospital" at Rouen. The men dearly love to be remembered by those at home. The clothes for women and children will be very useful.—Yours most gratefully,

H. EDEN.

Hongkong and Tipperary. Tipperary is the subject of an interesting page of photographs in the *Sphere*, one of which recalls a curious incident of local history. The story goes that plans were drawn up simultaneously for barracks at Tipperary and Hongkong, and were accidentally transposed. The result was that Tipperary got the barracks intended for Hongkong and Hongkong those intended for Tipperary. The statement is probably quite inexact, as Hongkong barracks are intended for semi-tropical habitation, of a kind that would not suit Tipperary.

SINKING OF THE "FORMIDABLE."

Further Details of the Disaster.

The telegram to the American and Canadian papers, though longer than those already received here, have still the fragmentary character indicative of the suddenness of the disaster to the *Formidable* on January 1st, and the scattering of the survivors. Some of the messages describe the disaster as taking place off Portsmouth, but, judging from the boats having taken the greater part of twenty-four hours to reach the coast, from their arriving at Brixham and Lyme Regis, and from the fact that a south-easterly gale was blowing, a position somewhere on the sixty miles of water between Portland Bill and Alderney would be indicated.

Terrible weather was prevailing at the time of the disaster. Exactly whether or on what duty board the *Formidable* was proceeding is not stated, though she is supposed to have been the principal ship of the Fleet unit to which she belonged. Suddenly, about 2 o'clock in the morning on New Year's Day, the explosion came, just about the magazine. There was a terrific roar and a violent upheaval of the ship, but the magazine did not explode, or she would have gone down like the *Bulwark*. Even as it was there was very little time, and that was lessened by another terrific shock as a torpedo hit her forward. Several of the boats were got out and away from the ship—a difficult and dangerous task. Some of the smaller boats got nearly all their oars broken in staying them off from the ship's side against which every mighty sea would have dashed them. One cutter was seen by the men in the other boats to founder, and down its crew. None of the men had had time to get any blankets or warm clothing, and a great number of those who got away in the boats did not get away dry, but were picked up from the water, the boats standing by till the *Formidable* disappeared. When she was torpedoed, rockets were sent up to call for help from any fishing boats or merchant steamers that might be in the neighbourhood, but few fishing boats were out on such a night, and no other help came. There were warships within call, but Captain Loxley had signalled them not to risk being torpedoed by coming to the rescue. When the men came running up from below, the ship was already sinking, and in a few minutes she heeled heavily over to starboard; then, righting herself, under water, the last impression on the minds of those in the boats being the figures of Captain Loxley and his signaller still standing on the bridge, illuminated by the weird light of the signal flares.

The two hundred survivors may be classed in three groups. First there were the seventy brought into Brixham (Devonshire) by the Tor Bay trawler *Providence*. The trawler, tired of battling against tremendous seas and violent winds, was running for shelter, when the crew were astonished at being hailed by a small boat, which was displaying a torch on the end of an oar as a signal of distress. After many failures, the *Providence* managed to pass a line aboard, and the men succeeded in reaching the larger craft. Scarcely clad as they were, they had had to sacrifice some of their clothing to stuff into the holes in their damaged cockle-shell, which filled and sank as soon as they left her. The men would probably have all died of exhaustion or been drowned had the *Providence* not rescued them. As it was, one young seaman collapsed

as soon as he boarded the trawler, and was with difficulty kept alive. Others of the *Formidable's* crew who got away in their boats fell in with a light cruiser, and were picked up to the number of seventy-one. During the day the Admiralty gave out a list of 150 survivors. This was increased to 201 by the arrival of a cutter at Lyme Regis, on the Dorset-Devon border. These men had had a terrible experience. Almost unclad, drrenched to the skin, and in the bitterest of winter weather, they rowed away from the spot where the *Formidable* had disappeared, not knowing where, in the wide sweep of Lyme Bay, the chances of reaching shore earliest might be expected. Day dawned without land coming into sight. The short grey winter's day passed over the famished and frozen men, and darkness fell upon them, still battling with the seas, toiling in turn at the oars, but too exhausted to get any warmth into their bodies by the labour. Some huddled in the boat, and for the survivors the one imperative need was to save their own lives. The boat was overloaded and the dead men had clothes on. The bodies were stripped, therefore, and heaved overboard. It was nearing midnight when the cutter, over twenty hours at sea, was beached at Lyme Regis. By this time the men were at the end of their tether. They could still shout—or some of them could—which attracted the attention of a policeman on duty, who soon summoned help. "The cutter's crew were found to be so spent and stiff that none could get out of the boat without assistance, and some were unconscious and had to be brought round with artificial respiration. Nine more were dead. Fifty landed alive."

The complement of officers on the *Formidable* included Captain Arthur N. Loxley, Commander Charles F. Ballard, Captain John O. Deed, R.M.L.I., Fleet Surgeon Godfrey Taylor, and Fleet Paymaster P. J. Ling. The chaplain was the Rev. George B. Robinson. There were also sixteen midshipmen. The whole ship's company numbered 780. The Admiralty on January 2nd issued a list containing the names of Captain Arthur N. Loxley and thirty-four other officers of the *Formidable*, who, it says, must be presumed to have been lost in the disaster, as they have not been reported among the saved. The list includes nine midshipmen. A Berlin official report describes the *Formidable* as having been torpedoed off Plymouth, and states that the submarine was pursued by British destroyers.

The Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. notifies that the following numbers (in lieu of *noms de plume*) have been selected to receive a large free tin of "Milkmaid" rich thick cream:—98; 515; 1,307; 39; 1,913; 2,741; 264; 12; 16,238; 3; 850; 31,878.

Robber Killed. Further reports of the armed robbery at Muk Ky village show that the robbery was carried out by twelve men, who, as they were leaving the ancestral hall, where the robbery is alleged to have taken place, had a rifle discharged into the midst of the crowd. The result of the shot was not known at the time, but when the villagers ventured forth the next morning they found a robber lying dead in a field with the shot in his abdomen.

DAY BY DAY.

Did the Tailor. A tailor in Jervois Street reports that after showing some rolls of silk to some customers one of them went off with a roll which was not paid for.

Woman's Mishap. A woman with a crushed arm has been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital. A blanket which she was wearing was caught in a winch on board the s.s. *Dojin Maru* and before she could be released, her arm was drawn in and crushed.

Armed Robbery. A Chinese woman living in Lower Lascar Row reports that three men armed with revolvers broke into her house and after binding and gagging herself and her amah ransacked the place and stole \$1,100 in money and jewellery.

Thief Caught. While looking in a shop window, a Chinese was relieved of a package containing \$104 in subsidiary coin. Fortunately a foki saw the man running off and after a chase he was caught. This morning Mr. Wood sent him to prison for six weeks' hard labour.

Sixes from British Columbia. Two hundred more Sixes from British Columbia and the Far East arrived in Calcutta on January 3 by the steamer *Omsang* from Hongkong, and were quietly entrained for their homes. The *Omsang* also brought 32 wounded men of the 40th Pathans from Tainan.

Didn't Understand. Before Mr. K. A. Hazeland, a Chinese was charged with the theft of two brushes used for grooming cows, belonging to the Dairy Farm Co., at Pokfulam. The case was remanded for further enquiries to be made, the witness who appeared in court not understanding the taking of an oath.

Thief Cream. The Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. notifies that the following numbers (in lieu of *noms de plume*) have been selected to receive a large free tin of "Milkmaid" rich thick cream:—98; 515; 1,307; 39; 1,913; 2,741; 264; 12; 16,238; 3; 850; 31,878.

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